

**CHAPTER NO. 561**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2549**

**By Representative Hackworth**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2608**

**By Senator McNally**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to state parks and recreation areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 11-1-116. It is the policy of the general assembly that young persons should assist in the preservation of state parks and recreation areas. The commissioner of environment and conservation is encouraged to employ persons under nineteen (19) years of age to work in state parks and recreation areas. Such persons should be employed in non-hazardous duties that enhance the viability and purpose of Tennessee's pristine parks. The commissioner shall provide an annual report to the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee and to the house environment committee on the number of persons under nineteen (19) years of age who are employed to work in state parks and recreation areas, and in which state parks and recreation areas such persons are employed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 13, 2006**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR